

OREGON HEALTH POLICY BOARD

ORS 413.011 Duties of board.

(1) The duties of the Oregon Health Policy Board are to:

- (a) Be the policy-making and oversight body for the Oregon Health Authority established in ORS 413.032 and all of the authority's departmental divisions.
- (b) Develop and submit a plan to the Legislative Assembly by December 31, 2010, to provide and fund access to affordable, quality health care for all Oregonians by 2015.
- (c) Develop a program to provide health insurance premium assistance to all low and moderate income individuals who are legal residents of Oregon.
- (d) Publish health outcome and quality measure data collected by the Oregon Health Authority at aggregate levels that do not disclose information otherwise protected by law. The information published must report, for each coordinated care organization and each health benefit plan sold through the health insurance exchange or offered by the Oregon Educators Benefit Board or the Public Employees' Benefit Board:
 - (A) Quality measures;
 - (B) Costs;
 - (C) Health outcomes; and
 - (D) Other information that is necessary for members of the public to evaluate the value of health services delivered by each coordinated care organization and by each health benefit plan.
- (e) Establish evidence-based clinical standards and practice guidelines that may be used by providers.
- (f) Approve and monitor community-centered health initiatives described in ORS 413.032 (1)(h) that are consistent with public health goals, strategies, programs and performance standards adopted by the Oregon Health Policy Board to improve the health of all Oregonians, and shall regularly report to the Legislative Assembly on the accomplishments and needed changes to the initiatives.
- (g) Establish cost containment mechanisms to reduce health care costs.
- (h) Ensure that Oregon's health care workforce is sufficient in numbers and training to meet the demand that will be created by the expansion in health coverage, health care system transformations, an increasingly diverse population and an aging workforce.
- (i) Work with the Oregon congressional delegation to advance the adoption of changes in federal law or policy to promote Oregon's comprehensive health reform plan.
- (j) Establish a health benefit package in accordance with ORS 741.340 to be used as the baseline for all health benefit plans offered through the health insurance exchange.
- (k) Investigate and report annually to the Legislative Assembly on the feasibility and advisability of future changes to the health insurance market in Oregon, including but not limited to the following:
 - (A) A requirement for every resident to have health insurance coverage.

(B) A payroll tax as a means to encourage employers to continue providing health insurance to their employees.

(L) Meet cost-containment goals by structuring reimbursement rates to reward comprehensive management of diseases, quality outcomes and the efficient use of resources by promoting cost-effective procedures, services and programs including, without limitation, preventive health, dental and primary care services, web-based office visits, telephone consultations and telemedicine consultations.

(m) Oversee the expenditure of moneys from the Health Care Workforce Strategic Fund to support grants to primary care providers and rural health practitioners, to increase the number of primary care educators and to support efforts to create and develop career ladder opportunities.

(n) Work with the Public Health Benefit Purchasers Committee, administrators of the medical assistance program and the Department of Corrections to identify uniform contracting standards for health benefit plans that achieve maximum quality and cost outcomes and align the contracting standards for all state programs to the greatest extent practicable.

(o) Work with the Health Information Technology Oversight Council to foster health information technology systems and practices that promote the Oregon Integrated and Coordinated Health Care Delivery System established by ORS 414.620 and align health information technology systems and practices across this state.

(2) The Oregon Health Policy Board is authorized to:

(a) Subject to the approval of the Governor, organize and reorganize the authority as the board considers necessary to properly conduct the work of the authority.

(b) Submit directly to the Legislative Counsel, no later than October 1 of each even-numbered year, requests for measures necessary to provide statutory authorization to carry out any of the board's duties or to implement any of the board's recommendations. The measures may be filed prior to the beginning of the legislative session in accordance with the rules of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

(3) If the board or the authority is unable to perform, in whole or in part, any of the duties described in ORS 413.006 to 413.042 and 741.340 without federal approval, the authority is authorized to request, in accordance with ORS 413.072, waivers or other approval necessary to perform those duties. The authority shall implement any portions of those duties not requiring legislative authority or federal approval, to the extent practicable.

(4) The enumeration of duties, functions and powers in this section is not intended to be exclusive nor to limit the duties, functions and powers imposed on the board by ORS 413.006 to 413.042 and 741.340 and by other statutes.

(5) The board shall consult with the Department of Consumer and Business Services in completing the tasks set forth in subsection (1)(j) and (k)(A) of this section. [2009 c.595 §9; 2011 c.9 §55; 2011 c.720 §125; 2012 c.38 §15; 2013 c.1 §55; 2013 c.681 §44; 2015 c.3 §42; 2015 c.243 §2; 2015 c.389 §6]

ORS 413.016 Authority of board to establish advisory and technical committees.

(1) The Oregon Health Policy Board may establish such advisory and technical committees as the board considers necessary to aid and advise the board in the performance of the board's functions. These committees may be continuing or temporary committees. The board shall determine the

representation, membership, terms and organization of the committees and shall appoint the members of the committees.

(2) Members of the committees who are not members of the board are not entitled to compensation, but at the discretion of the board may be reimbursed from funds available to the board for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties, in the manner and amount provided in ORS 292.495. [2009 c.595 §8]

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ORS 413.301 Health Information Technology Oversight Council.

(1) There is established a Health Information Technology Oversight Council within the Oregon Health Authority. The Oregon Health Policy Board shall:

- (a) Determine the terms of members on the council and the organization of the council.
- (b) Appoint members to the council who, collectively, have expertise, knowledge or direct experience in health care delivery, health information technology, health informatics and health care quality improvement.
- (c) Ensure that there is broad representation on the council of individuals and organizations that will be impacted by the Oregon Health Information Technology program.

(2) To aid and advise the council in the performance of its functions, the council may establish such advisory and technical committees as the council considers necessary. The committees may be continuing or temporary. The council shall determine the representation, membership, terms and organization of the committees and shall appoint persons to serve on the committees.

(3) Members of the council are not entitled to compensation, but in the discretion of the board may be reimbursed from funds available to the board for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by the members of the council in the performance of their official duties in the manner and amount provided in ORS 292.495. [2009 c.595 §1168; 2015 c.243 §4]

ORS 413.303 Council chairperson; quorum; meetings.

(1) The Health Information Technology Oversight Council shall select one of the council's members as chairperson, for such term and with such duties and powers necessary for the performance of the functions of the chairperson as the Oregon Health Policy Board determines.

(2) A majority of the members of the council constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

(3) The council shall meet at least quarterly at a place, day and hour determined by the council. The council may also meet at other times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the council. [2009 c.595 §1172; 2015 c.243 §5]

ORS 413.308 Duties of council.

The duties of the Health Information Technology Oversight Council are to:

(1) Identify and make specific recommendations related to health information technology to the Oregon Health Policy Board to achieve the goals of the Oregon Integrated and Coordinated Health Care Delivery System established by ORS 414.620.

(2) Regularly review and report to the board on the Oregon Health Authority's health information technology efforts, including the Oregon Health Information Technology program, toward achieving the goals of the Oregon Integrated and Coordinated Health Care Delivery System.

(3) Regularly review and report to the board on the efforts of local, regional and statewide organizations to participate in health information technology systems.

(4) Regularly review and report to the board on this state's progress in the adoption and use of health information technology by health care providers, health systems, patients and other users.

(5) Advise the board or the Oregon Congressional Delegation on changes to federal laws affecting health information technology that will promote this state's efforts in utilizing health information technology.

[2009 c.595 §1171; 2015 c.243 §6]